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SUBJ: PRG AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: GAMBIA CREDENTIALS

REF: (A) GENEVA 619; (B) DAKAR 702; (C) BANJUL 100

1. FOLLOWING MORNING VOTE ON THE PRG ISSUE
FEBRUARY 5, THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DELEGATE RAISED IN
PLENARY THE ISSUE OF THE GAMBIA DELEGATE'S
CREDENTIALS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE
EXPLAINED TO THE PLENARY THAT THE GAMBIA GOVERNMENT
INITIALLY HAD NOTIFIED THE SECRETARIAT THAT IT WOULD
NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S SESSION, BUT HAD THEN
SENT NOTIFICATION THAT IT WOULD PARTICIPATE. THIS
SWITCH WAS NOT TIMELY ENOUGH TO AVOID GAMBIA'S BEING
PUT AS ABSENT IN THE CONFERENCE'S PROVISIONAL LIST
OF PARTICIPANTS.

2. THE GAMBIA DELEGATE HAS FIRM INSTRUCTIONS
FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE. WE HAVE NO
DOUBT THAT THE CREDENTIALS WILL BE HELD VALID. HOWEVER,
THEY WILL PROBABLY UNDERGO MINUTE SCRUTINY FROM
ADVERSARY DELEGATIONS IN VIEW OF THE CLOSENESS OF
THE VOTES AND GAMVIA'S CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR US.
WE ARE PLEASE TO NOTE THAT FORMAL LETTER OF ACCREDI-
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TATION IS ON ITS WAY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY

BANJUL'S EFFORTS.

3. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION TO THE
GAMBIAN DELEGATE FOR HIS STEADY SUPPORT, WHICH
PROVED INDISPENSABLE.WE SUGGEST IT WOULD BE APPRO-
PRIATE FOR EMBASSY BANJUL AND THE DEPARTMENT TO ALSO
LET THE GAMBIANS KNOW WE ARE GRATEFUL.

4. FOR DAKAR: IF THE ABOVE MESSAGE CANNOT BE
TELEGRAPHED TO BANJUL, SUGGEST YOU TELEPHONE ITS
SUBSTANCE.

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